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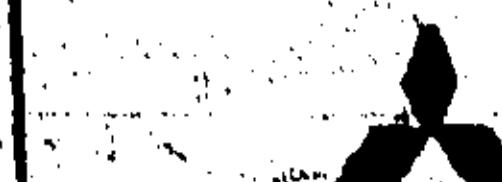
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SATURDAY,
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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, Feb. 2, 1916.

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Hongkong, Feb. 12, 1916.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK
ING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 19th day of February, 1916, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending the 31st December, 1915.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th February, to SATURDAY, the 19th February, 1916 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

N. J. STABE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1916.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN
AND MORTGAGE COMPANY
LIMITED.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on FRIDAY, the 25th February, 1916, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1915, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 21st February, 1916 until FRIDAY the 25th February, 1916, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMEI & CO.
General Managers.

Hongkong, Feb. 11, 1916.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTYNINTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
on THURSDAY, the 2nd March, 1916, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st February to 2nd March, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1916.

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DEATH.
Forbes.—At the Peak Hospital, Hongkong, on February 13th, John Forbes, son of the late James Forbes, of Greenock. The funeral will pass the monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN FORBES.**END OF A FINE ATHLETIC CAREER.**

We regret to have to record the death, which took place at the Peak Hospital this morning, of Mr. J. Forbes, of the China Sugar Refinery, and one of the best all-round athletes who had ever resided in Hongkong.

Decades was a well known boxer, and for the past six years held the amateur championships of the Colony for weight, middle, and heavy weights. He was in great demand as a trainer, and had trained most of the professional boxers who, from time to time, visited the Colony, including Billy Belew of Manila and Roy Keeney, the American boxer. "Jock" Forbes last appeared in the ring locally at the City Hall about 18 months ago when he knocked-out Thompson of H.M.S. Monmouth in the primary contest in a programme arranged by Mr. F. E. Hall.

"Jock" was also a clever cyclist and held the Hongkong championship for many years. In yachting and rowing he also excelled, and held several O.Y.C. championships and rowed in several winning boats at V.R.C. Regatta, including, we believe, an International Scotch four. Swimming and water polo also found in him a keen and capable exponent and he was one of the Hongkong team that visited Shanghai two seasons ago. In tennis and football he also took a large interest. He won numerous trophies and cups and his collection is regarded as the finest ever held by a local athlete.

His demise has depicted the realm of sport of a popular and accomplished member, and his death will be widely regretted in sporting circles.

During the last few months he had been in failing health and five weeks ago he was compelled to go into Hospital. He was always cheery and jovial and looked eagerly forward to the time when he would be well again, but death overtook him as a result of a growth on the liver, the end being not unexpected.

The deepest sympathy will be felt for Mr. Alexander Forbes, his brother, Mr. John Rodger and other relatives in the Colony and at Home.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS.

The following local weddings are announced:—

Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., of 107, The Peak, and Miss Ellen Victoria Stevens, who is en route from England by the s.s. "Hirano-maru." The bridegroom-elect is associated with the well-known firm of Meagor, Linstead and Davis and also a member of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps. The wedding will take place from the residence of Mrs. Mainland.

The wedding is announced to take place on March 7th of Mr. Charles Miller of the Naval Ordnance and Miss Flora Victoria Denning, of 32, Humphreys Avenue, Kowloon.

The marriage of Col. Henry Wilson Lee, to Mrs. Alma Sydney Iris Howett, widow of the late Mr. E. A. Howett, O.M.G., Ridge House, Broadwood Road, Hongkong, is announced to take place shortly.

Another wedding announced is that of Mr. Albert Bruce Piddicombe, civil engineer, Shamian, Canton, and Miss Lydia Augusta Arnot who is on route for Hongkong from England.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. J. W. Bolles returned from Manila to-day by the s.s. "Chincha."

We are informed on enquiry at the office of the Douglas Steamship Company that the sale of the s.s. "Haimun" has not been effected and that rumours as to her disposal are baseless.

The managing directors of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company have decided, with the approval of the board of directors, to pay an interim dividend of 150 per share and a 15 per cent share on the ordinary shares on account of the dividend to be expected for the year 1916.

Mr. W. K. Doda, agent of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Calcutta, has been re-elected by the members of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce to be the representative of the Chamber on the Board of Trustees appointed under the Calcutta Improvement Act, 1911.

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THE MAGISTRACY.

A Chinese was summoned for conveying carcasses of pigs from the slaughterhouse otherwise than in a wheeled and covered cart. The case was remanded till Thursday.

Li Szo was charged by Inspector Terrell before Mr. Hazelton with unlawfully having in her possession 16 lbs. of loose opium found on her by a Chinese revenue officer. The case was remanded till Monday, but was fixed at \$400.

Mr. T. Hayashi, manager of the Mitsui Sussan Kaisha Steamship Company, was summoned before Mr. Wood for causing to be affixed to Crown property, namely the wall of the steps from Queen's Road Central to Battery Path, a poster advertising "Asahi" beer.

Defendant, who explained that the poster had been put there through the mistake of a coolie, was fined \$1.

ANNOYED BY A DOG.

G. A. da Silva, 1 Barrow Terrace, Kowloon, summoned V. B. de Souza, 3 Barrow Terrace, Kowloon, before Mr. Hazelton, for keeping a dog accustomed to annoy passengers.

Mr. J. H. Gardner said he appeared for Mr. Leo D'Almeida, who was indisposed. The case was fixed for Thursday next.

ALLEGED THEFT FROM A SHIP.

Chen Ping Nam, alias Chan Kan, was charged by Detective-Sergeant Will before Mr. Hazelton with stealing 200 lbs of oil from Kowloon Docks, seven pieces of paint, and a quantity of varnish and old rope, total value \$143, the property of Messrs. Thoresen and Co.

Captain James Wilcox, master of the Koloa, was the complainant, the defendant being represented by Mr. E. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist.

Mr. A. M. Preston, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared to prosecute when the case was taken later in the morning.

Outline the case, Mr. Preston said that on February 16th the Koloa was lying at the Kowloon Wharf. Defendant came on board and asked the 2nd mate, who was then in charge, whether he might remove certain rubbish that was lying on the deck. As they would otherwise have had to pay for the removal of the rubbish, he gave the defendant permission, giving him a chit allowing him to pass with it. Defendant had taken, not the rubbish, but the articles mentioned in the charge. He (Mr. Preston) understood that the defence was that the man said he bought the goods from the second officer.

Mr. Grist—We bought them from one of the officers. I don't know which one it was.

Harry Ward, second officer of the Koloa, identified the goods in question as the ship's property. The boy was not present when he told defendant he could take the rubbish that was on deck. Without otherwise having had to pay for the removal of the rubbish, he gave the defendant permission, giving him a chit allowing him to pass with it. Defendant had taken, not the rubbish, but the articles mentioned in the charge. He (Mr. Preston) understood that the defence was that the man said he bought the goods from the second officer.

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The jury was composed of Marcus Theodore Johnson, Francis Bevington and Duane Elionte Maria de Souza.

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The deceased was on the bridge at the time of the collision. The Linan was badly damaged in the bow and went into the dock at Quarry Bay. On the morning of the 6th instant, that is, four days after the collision, deceased was found dead in his bunk while the ship was in dock at Quarry Bay. The body was sent to the Public Mortuary, and afterwards portions of the remains were sent to the Government Analyst, who reported that no poison was present in the parts submitted to him. Mr. Dovey would be called to confirm that. Dr. Macfarlane, Medical Officer at the Public Mortuary, would testify that important organs of the deceased's body showed considerable disease. Dr. Macfarlane was of opinion that the cause of death was heart failure due to fatty degeneration of the heart.

Having regard to the fact that deceased was found dead so soon after the collision, he (Mr. Hazelton) had considered it his duty as Coroner to hold a public inquiry with a jury. The bodies found in deceased's cabin were also sent for analysis but the report was not yet ready, and having regard to the Analyst's report on the portions of the body he had not felt justified in delaying the inquiry.

Mr. Grist added that the man had not been served, but there was a fund in the Colony which had been attached.

Defendant, on oath, said he was a marine hawker. He paid \$40 to the second officer personally for the goods. The second officer saw him in putting the goods on to the ramp. The second officer saw them being put on, and then gave him a pass.

The second officer said he gave defendant a small bundle of notes to the second officer. Defendant was discharged.

SUMMARY COURT DIFFICULTIES.

INTERNEED AND DEPORTED DEFENDANTS.

"Defendant is now in Sydney as one of the interned prisoners who went from here on the Empire," said Mr. J. H. Gardner in the Summary Court this morning, in a case in which Messrs. Teo Cheong sued J. Jahrund for \$11.50 for goods supplied.

Mr. Gardner added that the man had not been served, but there was a fund in the Colony which had been attached. The man had admitted the claim with the exception of a coat, which plaintiff said they had not got. He had a letter from the Camp Commandant.

Mr. Justice Gomperts: How can I try it to the man's absence?

Mr. Gardner said he was entitled to it on a writ of foreign attachment.

Mr. Lordship said he would consider the case in Chambers to-morrow.

In another case Mr. Goldring said he appeared for the defendant who had been deported from the Colony. If his Lordship would adjourn it for a week, he would probably be able to make some arrangement.

Mr. Grist, for the plaintiffs, agreed and the case was adjourned.

SUED BY A SERVANT.

At the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Gomperts, Wong Yung, a cook-boy, said: his master, W. M. Macfarlane, for \$15 wages in lieu of notice.

Mr. Lordship: (to Mr. Macfarlane) I understand that you took out a summons against this boy, at the Magistrate.

Mr. Gomperts: No. I told the Magistrate—No. I told the Magistrate that he had paid him the summons.

His Lordship: Apparently the Magistrate did not understand that this action was pending here. If he had known he would not have tried the case. I understand that he fined the man \$10 and he tells me now that he has suspended the fine and will re-open the case.

After evidence had been given by Mr. Macfarlane, judgment was given against Macfarlane.

Mr. Lordship: His Lordship called him the plaintiff.

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Mr. Gomperts: His Lordship called him the plaintiff.

His Lordship: His Lordship called

THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

RUSSIA'S GREAT SUCCESS.

ERZERUM'S 6000 GUNS.

HEROIC EFFORTS OF THE RUSSIAN FORCES.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 17. The Official Messenger estimates that Erzerum had a garrison of 100,000 officers and men and 467 guns, while the advanced force had 374 guns and the central force 200.

London, Feb. 17. The German attacks on the Western front have been prompted by a desire to impress neutrals, especially the Eastern States, but Russia's great stroke at Erzerum has been far more effective in that direction.

Erzerum is the key of Asia Minor, commanding the sole road open to the Russians, towards the Bosphorus from Asia.

Trabzon is unlikely to resist long.

Then the Allies will have an unbroken line from the Black Sea to the North-Eastern edge of Asia.

Besides the victorious army at Erzerum, the Russians have two other armies in the Caucasus—one on the Black Sea littoral, the other in the region of Lake Van.

The capture of Erzerum removes the chief obstacle to raids on Turkish communications with Mesopotamia and facilitates the linking up of the British and Russian forces advancing towards Bagdad.

It is noteworthy that the massacre of the Armenians was directed from Erzerum.

The Russian capture in the depth of winter of a fortress situated at a height of 6,000ft., notorious for its blizzards, was a most heroic performance. The operations began in January by a series of masterly actions whereby General Judenien cleared his flanks, forcing the Turks to evacuate McLazghert, south-east of Erzerum, and retreat to Muski. He then occupied Koprion and Massankula, both on the great Kars-Erzurum road.

It is estimated at Petrograd that the Turks in the three weeks prior to the assault on the forts lost 80,000 out of 200,000. Of the remainder only 75,000 were efficient organised units. Of these 40,000 were required to hold the town forte. The lack of a field army to hold the outer redoubts enabled the fortress to be destroyed by long-range fire.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 17.

Erzerum is of enormous importance because it is the centre of the military administration, with huge ammunition magazines.

The capture opens for the Russians a wide access northward, westward and southward, thus foiling the plans of the German Staff. Naturally the Turks will try to repair the disaster, but the Russians will speedily consolidate their positions.

The Russian Press is particularly pleased that the capture will facilitate the operations of the British in Mesopotamia, besides re-echoing in the Balkans, Persia and Afghanistan.

There were fierce actions before the Turks were finally driven into the fortress. One retreating detachment was most anxious to save a park of the new German field kitchens and formed them into a square. The Russian guns smashed them up and, when the infantry rushed up, they found the hungry Turks licking up the soup and stews.

Then a strangely distributed body of Turkish irregulars on the hill south-east of Erzerum was cut off. They promised surrender in the morning. As they made no sign at dawn the Russians cautiously climbed up and found the defenders frozen to death.

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ENEMY SUBMARINES SUNK.

BY FRENCH WARSHIPS IN THE ADRIATIC.

PARIS, Feb. 17.

M. Hutin, in the *Echo de Paris* states that during the last three days French warships in the Adriatic have sunk two—perhaps three—enemy submarines.

GERMANY'S SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS EXPRESS DISAPPROVAL.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 17.

The Socialists in the Prussian Diet have expressed disapproval of the Government's submarine campaign against merchantmen.

"BUTTER TICKETS" IN GERMANY.

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Germany starts the issue of butter tickets on March 1st.

AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE CEASED AT DURAZZO.

CORFU, Feb. 17.

The Austrians have ceased their offensive at Durazzo owing to the arrival of Italian troops.

Generalissimo Putnik has joined the Serians at Corfu.

GENERAL SARRAIL TO VISIT KING OF GREECE.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

LUCHOW RECAPTURED.

PEKING, Feb. 18.

The city of Luchow (Szechuan) has been recaptured from the rebels by Government troops.

GREEKS ROUT BULGARIAN COMITADJIS.

SALONIKA, Feb. 17.

The Greeks in a two hours' fight routed another band of Bulgarian Comitadjis who were penetrating into Greece. The Greeks are now vigilantly guarding the whole of the frontier.

THE DEFENCES OF SALONIKA.

A PRO-GERMAN VIEW.

LONDON, Feb. 17.

A Correspondent of the pro-German Swiss newspaper, the *Zurich Zeitung*, in a long description of the defence of Salonika, says they are impregnable.

THE OPERATIONS IN ALBANIA.

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Italian reports show that the Bulgarian and Austrian advance in Albania is extremely slow, the Bulgarians especially being hampered by lack of transport and roads.

MONTENEGRIANS WHO HAVE ARRIVED AT BRINDISI STATE THAT AUSTRIAN ATTEMPTS TO DISCOVER THE HIDING PLACES OF PRINCE MIKLO MARTINOVITCH HAVE PROVED UN-SUCCESSFUL. THE PEOPLE ARE NOT MOVED BY Bribes OR THE THREAT OF STARVATION.

THE BRITISH ARMY.

A PENSIONS QUESTION.

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Replies to a Labourite amendment to the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, demanding pensions for those who contracted disease whilst serving with the Colours, Mr. Forster announced that the Government had established a new body to deal with such cases which are outside the limit of the Pensions Warrant.

THE LABOURITES WERE NOT SATISFIED AND INTIMIDATED THEIR INTENTION TO AGAIN PRESS THE MATTER.

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THE WAR'S DEMANDS ON LABOUR.

CESSATION OF PRIVATE BUILDING URGED.

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Mr. Lloyd George urges the cessation of building and the temporary transference of labour to building munition factories.

THE INCREASE IN PRICE OF FOOD.

LONDON, Feb. 17.

The Board of Trade *Labour Gazette* states that prices of food in Great Britain have increased 47 per cent., compared with 53 per cent. in Germany and 11 per cent. in Austria.

LIEUT-COLONEL WINSTON CHURCHILL.

LONDON, Feb. 17.

The fact that Mr. Winston Churchill is now a Lieut-Colonel was mentioned by Mr. Tennant in the House of Commons last night.

RESIGNATION OF AN M.P.

DISAPPROVES GOVERNMENT'S WAR POLICY.

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Sir Wilfred Lawson, M.P. for Cottenham, has resigned because he disapproves of the Government's War policy.

THE FLOODS IN HOLLAND.

A FRESH CATASTROPHE THREATENED.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 17.

The north-west storm is imperilling Holland. The waters are rushing in at Mountendam and the inhabitants of Volendam are again evacuating the district. The railway dyke between Purmerend and Oostzaan has been destroyed, threatening a fresh catastrophe.

Large forces of troops are still striving to stem the floods.

A rupture of the dykes at Alkmaar, near Amsterdam appears inevitable. This would involve several polders.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

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MONGOLIAN TRIBUTE TO PEKING.

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The Mongolian ruler of Sezen Khan has paid his respects to the Chinese Government, forwarded a tribute list, and made suggestions for the future Government of Mongolia.

NEW APPOINTMENT FOR ADMIRAL LI.

PEKING, Feb. 18.

Admiral Li Chun, formerly stationed at Canton, is to be appointed Patrol Commissioner of the Upper Yangtze.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

GERMANY'S SUBMARINE POLICY.

THE AMERICAN NEGOTIATIONS.

ENTIRE QUESTION RE-OPENED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.

Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, has conferred with Mr. Lansing relative to the advisability of postponing the application of Germany's submarine order in view of further negotiations.

Count Bernstorff said that Germany did not intend to sink liners.

Mr. Lansing welcomed this statement, and added that Germany's threat to sink armed merchantmen without warning re-opened the entire question of submarine warfare. Also the Lusitania agreement cannot be finally accepted until the United States has determined whether anything therein will conflict with the new submarine policy.

Prior to the conversation between Count Bernstorff and Mr. Lansing the former presented the draft of the final German *Lusitania Note*, embodying the verbal changes suggested by the American Government; also another draft suggested by the German Government.Mr. Lansing's announcement that the submarine controversy would be re-opened astonished diplomatic and other circles, as the morning papers announced that the *Lusitania* affair had been settled.

THE DAMAGE TO STEAMERS AT BROOKLYN.

EXPLOSION DUE TO ELECTRIC WIRES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.

The owners of the *Bolton Castle* and the *Pacific* state that both steamers will be saved, but that they are seriously damaged.

The pier was destroyed.

Thirteen Chinamen are missing.

The fire was not due to an incendiary, but to electric wires.

DUTCH STEAMER DAMAGED.

LONDON, Feb. 17.

The Dutch steamer *Bandoeng*, from Batavia to Rotterdam, is being towed to Northfleet, in a damaged condition.

MORE INCENDIARISM IN CANADA.

AMERICAN CLUB DESTROYED.

TORONTO, Feb. 17.

Following an explosion in a top storey building, a fire destroyed the American Club. One person was killed, and two injured.

Incendiary is suspected.

A later despatch states that two persons have perished in the fire at the American Club, one being an American.

Two eight-tonne shells were found by the firemen.

Three explosions were heard.

Indignation is intense.

RENEWED FLOODS IN HOLLAND.

WHOLE DISTRICTS THREATENED.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 17.

A storm which has lasted two days again threatens the districts of the Zuider Zee, especially Mountendam. Hundreds of workmen are toiling throughout the night to prevent a fresh breach of the dyke.

Huge waves toppling over the dyke swept of the material immediately it was laid down. It is feared that two-thirds of Mountendam will be under water if the storm continues.

The water is already reaching the houses at Purmerend, Nederhaard and Spoorwijk.

RECORD WAR CREDIT.

MR. ASQUITH TO ASK FOR £400,000,000.

LONDON, Feb. 17.

The *Daily Telegraph* states that Mr. Asquith on Monday will ask for a vote of credit for, possibly, £400,000,000, which is the largest in history.

BRITAIN'S AIR SERVICE.

ONE OF THE GLORIES OF THE BRITISH ARMS.

LONDON, Feb. 17.

The House of Commons discussed an amendment to the Address, in reply to the Speech from the Throne expressing regret that the Speech did not mention the measures taken to strengthen the air services.

Mr. Tennant said that the air service was not intended as an offensive measure, but for protecting vulnerable points. Naval aircraft were watching the coast, and the army aircraft, the land.

Admiral Sir Percy Scott was then in command of air gunnery, but was now under the War Office.

Mr. Balfour said that the air service had been behind-hand, though every nerve had been strained.

In looking back he regretted that we did not develop the Zeppelin type of airship. The Admiralty were doing what they could to improve this, but there was no immediate probability of over-taking the enemy's ten years' start.

The amendment was withdrawn.

FIGHTING ON THE BRITISH FRONT.

AN "INTERNATIONAL" TRENCH.

LONDON, Feb. 17.

General Sir Douglas Haig, in a communiqué, reports that there has been reciprocal artillery bombardments and heavy grenade fighting for the past twenty-four hours between the Ypres-Comines canal and the Ypres-Comines railway. The fighting continues.

Otherwise, the day has been quiet along the whole British front.

The capture of 600 men of our front line of trenches reported yesterday was preceded by a heavy bombardment and the explosion of five mines which destroyed the trench untenable. The attacks, which extended along a 4,000-yards front, were repulsed everywhere else, the enemy losing considerably.

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HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	TAKSANG	TUESDAY, Feb. 22, at 8 a.m.
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MR. PICKWICK TO-DAY.

"It is," returned one of the company, shortly.

"And of what prey, is bear now made.

"Sir, if may ask?"

"Klimical."

"Thank you, sir. I am vastly obliged

to you. And now, sir, if you will join me in a glass, I shall be delighted."

"Where on earth does that queer old

stick come from?" asked the other, smiling.

And then, aloud, "Ain't you card yet of

the new drink regulations? I want to get

us all into trouble!"

We extricated ourselves with difficulty,

Mr. Pickwick having, after some trouble,

succeeded in obtaining that warming drink

of our fathers, rum and milk.

THE OLD SUM, ROCHESTER.

And so at length into Rochester. There, as of yore, stood the Old Bull Inn—it

styled itself an "hotel" now—with the

original "Illustrous ladies" in the ant-

chamber, still beheld its glass doors "develop-

ing noble joints and tarts."

It is not "fifteen miles, cross-roads"

from Rochester to Dingley Dell; barely

eight along the Maidstone road. "Uphill

from Epsom, down Blue Bell Hill and

by Epsom's Coty House, an ancient, crumpled

and tattered Mr. Pickwick's antiquarian seal.

But we swiftly passed it and descended to

Sandling, turning there, to the right of the

Running Horse Inn. Presently the road

descended a hill, with fine hedge-wood timber

and orchards and hop gardens on either

side. A turbulent little brook dashed

down on the left; a robin, himself of

Pickwickian, partly speech, sang a cheerful

song on a leaden spray—and we rose to a

ridge and turned in on the right to a drive.

"Delightful situation this," said Mr.

Pickwick. He had said the like some

eight years ago.

"Welcome, gentlemen, to Manor Farm!"

exclaimed a hearty voice at this point; and a bluf person, in the John Bull-like

costume of an old English yeoman, presented himself—Mr. Wardle.

We entered the house. "Bless my

soul!" exclaimed Mr. Pickwick, "how

you have altered it!" And, being a person

of the Georgian period, not used to moving

about among modern light articles of

furniture, he overset a small occasional

table with a crash!

DINGLEY DELL.

The noise awoke me. You see, I had

the day before been on a literary pilgrimage

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The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 6 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 1 foot 4 inches, and on the tides of Lancastor, Dordogne, Adour, and 10 feet 6 inches to the height given in the table.

February 19th to 25th, 1916.

HIGH Water

Low Water

Hongkong

Hongkong